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174th Fighter Wing Vision and Mission Statements



Vision Statement

Our Vision is a world class fighter wing comprised of diverse individuals empowered to meet all challengers, and win. We accept nothing less.

Mission Statement

Provide combat ready personnel, aircraft, and equipment prepared for world wide deployment. To deter or attack and destroy enemy surface and airborne forces in support of joint operations; and to support civil authorities at the direction of the governor.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



This month's comments will be short. This drill is our annual unit Family Day, and if there was ever a year where we deserved a break and a chance to come together with family and friends, this is it. I won't go into great detail, but between the September 11th attacks, AEF deployments, mobilizations and worldwide deployments, this is by far the busiest year since the Wing was mobilized for the Gulf War. I'd like to extend a personal invitation to every family member to come out and enjoy the fellowship of your military member's extended 'family', and perhaps even pass on your appreciation for what they have done this past year. At the same time, I would like to thank each of you, both unit member and family member, for your unwavering support through some tough times. Your state and nation are grateful and proud of you.



Col. Robert Knauff
Wing Commander

See you all at Family Day.

UCI PREP

By Chief Master Sgt. Ted Mosley, 174th FW, Command Chief



In just six months from now (10 UTA days), the Inspector General will roll into Hancock Field with a team of sixty plus people to inspect our records and validate how we do business. What does this mean to every member of this organization? It means that we have to be sure we are doing things the right way and by the book.

The book is ANGI 21-101. It is 350 pages filled with directions on how the Air Force and Air National Guard are supposed to conduct business. Get with your supervisor and ask him or her if you can read what part pertains to your job. When you read the ANGI, think if you and your shop are meeting all designated requirements. Ask your supervisor if you can read the Compliance and Standardization Requirement List (C&SRL) for your area.

This C&SRL is what the inspectors look at before they get here, because it lists everything we are supposed to do. If we haven't done it then we need to

explain how we plan to get it done.

Work closely with your supervisor to ensure all the programs you have in place actually meet what is directed. Get involved with the inspection. Be a part of how well your area makes out. Offer to take ownership of a special item that you can help with in preparing for this inspection.

In March when you meet the inspectors, be friendly, courteous and confident. If they ask a question on something you are not familiar with, tell them you will find out and get back to them as soon as possible.

The way the inspection is rated falls into three categories: Complies with Requirements, Complies with Comments, Does Not Comply. Our goal is the first one. We can accept some of the second. Without your help, we will be vulnerable for the third.



Command Chief
Master Sgt. Mosley



Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Lt. Col) Jean Vargo, 174th FW



Lt Col Jean Vargo

I remember well my parents saying, "Be open, and stand up for what you believe in, talk...question, be up front and communicate. Don't blame others for your mistakes. Take credit where credit is due". As

I grew in years, my understanding of these simple yet complex statements also grew. When I

think of openness, I also think of communication, choice, self-reliance, inaction and action. My father would say it's your choice, I can't make you communicate or be responsible.

It is so true: openness cannot be forced. The power of choice is senior to openness. How would you define this important core value? Our lives are filled with choices, demands, stressors, and more. Each time we choose a path we convey a message be it spiritual, moral, mental, or physical; and we are shaping our personal life and those

around us. If I were to define openness I would define it as a catalyst for positive change that calls upon honesty, forthrightness, and reliance of one self for conveying my beliefs thereby developing open communication, trust, respect, individual giftedness and uniqueness.

Creates In...

Self	Society
Dedication	Obligation
Commitment	Freedom
Growth	Cooperation
Confidence	Support
Opportunity	Leadership
Value	Success
Communication	Communication

One of the hallmarks of a mature man or woman is to be open and responsible for one's communications; spiritual, moral and physical. These words and actions not only influence ourselves, but the choices we make the messages we convey impact our family, our air guard community and our world. Think of all the lives you will impact before you speak-and choose wisely. Be the open communicating spouse, friend, co-worker, family member you were created to be.

Openness is a core value that produces wonderful fruits in individuals and in society.

Wing Quarterly Award Winners April-June 2002

The following outstanding examples of National Guard personnel will be offered the opportunity to be flown



NCO of the Quarter
Tech. Sgt. Edward C Deaver II
Preventative Maintenance Supervisor



SNCO of the Quarter
Master Sgt. Dennis Reinhard
Electro-Environmental Supervisor

in an F-16 by our Cobras from 'Cuse. Congratulate them on a job well done and an incentive ride well deserved.



Airman of the Quarter
Senior Airmen David D. Cornish
Fuels Operations Specialist

New Drug Policy Expands Testing to Catch More Users

By Lt. Col Mark Brady, 174FW, Wing Inspector General

The Defense Department is continuing its anti-drug efforts with a new policy that involves more frequent random testing of active duty military, National Guard members, Reservists and civilian employees. The primary purpose of the policy is to reduce demand for and the use of illegal drugs within DoD.

Signed by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz on July 31, the new policy reflects the reality that the nation is at war, Andre Hollis, deputy assistant secretary of defense for counternarcotics, said Aug. 13. "We're going to increase our testing across all the services -- active, National Guard and Reserve," he said. "That's very important, because all of our men and women in uniform and civilian members of DoD are involved in this war effort. It's critical that we all give 100 percent and that we're drug-free and able to help the secretary and the president in this war on terror."

Hollis said the new policy also calls for minimum, across-the-board consequences for anyone in DoD -- military or civilian caught using drugs. He said that he noticed during his review that rules varied across the services regarding drug use. The DoD is working closely with all the services to come up with uniformity to improve both the sense of fairness and clarify the message that Drug use is incompatible with military service or civilian employment in the DoD. Abusers, he said, could be subject to dishonorable discharges, dismissals, prison time, fines and criminal records.

Responding to some media reports that allege a great increase in illegal drug use within the military, Hollis asserted, "Not so." Recent DoD statistics bear out his contention there is no drug epidemic in the ranks. There is, however, a modest increase in the overall percentage of troops testing positive for so-called club drugs during the past three years, he noted.

Hollis explained the increase by noting that more random testing by the services in recent years has been catching more drug users. Under the new policy, he asserted, random

drug testing will become even more frequent.

Hollis also noted that the services have significantly increased their ability to test for club drugs that are increasingly favored by younger people. Upgraded laboratory technology also enables testers to detect a subject's drug use further back in time than was previously possible.

In fact, more service members are indeed being busted these days for having the club drug ecstasy in their systems. DoD statistics show 495 ecstasy abusers among the 12,264 service members found abusing illegal drugs in fiscal year 1999. With more stringent drug screening standards in place, Ecstasy users totaled 1,744 out of the 16,759 abusers caught in fiscal 2001.

Hollis noted that marijuana continues to be active service members' illegal drug of choice -- used by 70% of the 16,759 drug abusers caught in fiscal 2001, down a few percentage points from 2000. The other drugs in the top three most abused by service members are cocaine and methamphetamine (speed). Ecstasy is a close fourth.

Hollis said the new DoD policy would simultaneously encourage and educate service members to avoid drug use. DoD's zero tolerance stance on drug use will also be made clear to potential recruits, he added. "We don't want people who are going to take drugs," Hollis said. "We want the 'best and brightest.' If you're going to take drugs, go somewhere else." Service members in particular, he pointed out, should recognize that today's world is a dangerous place. "You may be called upon to defend the country. You can't do that if you're 'high,'" he said. "We want to make sure our policies are clear and that the consequences for breaking those policies are also clear," Hollis concluded.



Lt. Col. Mark Brady

Bags Off to Bagotville

By Capt Mike Brunner, 174FW, Aircraft Maintenance Officer

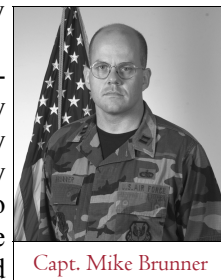
A group of 22 travelers were greeted by 174FW staff and management Friday afternoon on August 23rd as they returned from a weeklong expedition in the Canadian north. In addition, the total group included eight of our Viper operators (six who had returned with their aircraft earlier that day and another two who had swapped out mid-week) and four maintainers who made the journey over the road.

This deployment offered valuable training opportunities for the pilots and the weather was ideal almost every day for flying and fighting. On the maintenance front, the jets cooperated quite nicely facilitating a 100 percent sortie generation rate (41 of 41 lines). Our Canadian allies were very accommodating and offered assistance at every turn. Special thanks goes to our liaison, Cpl. Yves Roy who personally saw

to the group's needs in both on and off duty pursuits.

The Saguenay region located approximately 200 Kms north of Quebec City is a beautiful and scenic area with many activities and places to visit for off duty recreation and entertainment. It was also reported that the indigenous people were friendly and easy going but it helped though, to brush up on your French as less than one percent of the civilians in that area spoke English.

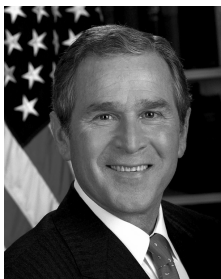
Overall the trip was safe, productive and enjoyable. Thanks to the entire team for another Bagotville success story.



Capt. Mike Brunner

National Guard and Reservists Face Longest Call-up Since Vietnam

By Ann Scott Tyson



Thousands of US National Guard and Reserve troops mobilized after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks now face up to two full years of active duty - the longest since the Vietnam War - underscoring the central role of the reservists in a US military sharply downsized during the 1990s.

Yet the extended use of the reserves in the open-ended fight against terrorism is placing major strains on their families, incomes, and employers across the country. Doubts over whether the Reserve can meet the need for increased security and military operations in the long run has led to calls by some experts and officials for increasing the active-duty ranks - a plan the Bush administration has resisted as too costly. "There is no question that the active force has become quite dependent on the Reserves, not just for major conflicts, but for performing normal peacetime missions," says Robert Goldich, a national defense specialist at the Congressional Research Service here. The 1.2 million Guard and Reserve personnel now make up nearly half of all US military forces, compared with 1.4 million men and women on active duty.

"If we find ourselves conducting military operations of various intensity over the years - excluding Iraq - we may find it very difficult to provide the manpower we need just by calling up [the] Reserves," Mr. Goldich says. A US military invasion of Iraq would likely require the call-up of more than 100,000 additional Reserve and Guard members, he says.

Approaching Burnout

One chief concern is that overtaxed reservists may burn out and leave the armed services completely, say defense and military officials. Currently 75,000 National Guard and Reserve troops are performing active duty. Of those, at least 14,000 from the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, including nearly 6,000 security personnel, face a mandatory stint of as long as two years. "There is a possibility that a higher number than normal will leave the services at the first opportunity," says Col. Jim Martin, director of personnel and training for the Air National Guard. "We are watching the attrition rate closely" and offering enlistment bonuses. Mobilized guardsmen and reservists often make important sacrifices in the form of pay cuts and lost ca-

reer opportunities, as well as less time spent with their families.

Employers are required by law to reinstate reservists to jobs with equal pay, benefits, and seniority. But employers are not bound to make up the pay differential for reservists. Some employers such as large Fortune 500 companies do reimburse the pay gap for periods of between several days and a year or more, according to a survey by the Reserve Officers Association here. However, reservists who work for smaller firms or are self-employed must often accept a substantial pay loss. Although those call-up reservists may plan to stay in the Reserves, both out of a sense of duty and for the eventual re-

tirement benefits, a lot are expected to leave. "Everybody's concerned about the numbers we may lose" because of heavier demands on the force, said Col. Martin.

The stresses of the war on terrorism are accelerating a historic shift in the role of US reserve forces in recent decades. During the cold war in the 1950s and '60s, when the US drafted citizens into military service, the reserve's mission was to stand ready in case of a

big war; it was rarely employed for short-term contingencies, says Renee Hylton, a National Guard historian.

Since the creation of the all-volunteer force in 1973, and especially with the roughly 40 percent drop in the active force size since the Gulf War, Guard and Reserve units have become far more integral to the full range of military operations. These units have also become more multifaceted, adding intelligence, Special Forces, air cargo, and refueling units to their traditional infantry and fighter teams.

"Whenever something happens that requires more than just the bare bones, we will have to have reservists mobilized," says Lt. Col. Vincent Savoia, a spokesman for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. As a result, tensions

are growing over how and how long reserve forces should be deployed in the future. Guard and Reserve officials, for example, favor shorter-term rotations in the full spectrum of military activities including overseas missions. Active-duty military officials gravitate toward using reservists in longer assignments and as "backfill" in jobs such as base security at home, Ms. Hylton says. "We should not be mobilized for backfill,"

says Col. Martin of the Air National Guard. "We should be factored in to the overseas rotation for the most part."

"As threats to America change... the National Guard and reservists will be more involved in homeland security, confronting acts of terror [that] our enemies may try to create."

*President George W. Bush
14 February 2001*



Random Antiterrorism Measures & Duress Codes

By Tech. Sgt. Don Glover, 174th FW, Installation Security Manager



Tech. Sgt. Don Glover

IAW AFI 31-101 duress codes instituted for emergencies on base. A person that is under duress is being made to do something against their will. The duress code is a word that can be spoken in everyday conversation (but not commonly used) and would not “tip off” the enemy that you have alerted someone that you are under duress. There are three duress codes: The primary, alternate (used once the primary is compromised) and the exercise duress codes. The exercise duress code can be used by anyone on base for training purposes. These must be memorized, not recorded and carried on your person. They are safeguarded to prevent them from being compromised but are for Official Use Only. The duress words are changed every 6 months, at the installation commander’s discretion, or when compromised.

Here is an example of how you would use the duress code. Let’s say the duress code was “popcorn”. A terrorist is holding a gun on you and forcing you to drive him through the main gate onto

the installation. When you’re stopped at the gate you ask the sentry if he’s tried that new “popcorn” at the club. The sentry knows something is wrong because you’ve passed (spoken) the duress word. The sentry will challenge everyone in the vehicle (including you) and put everyone at a disadvantage. Once he has positive control of everyone in the vehicle, he will pull you aside and ask why you passed the duress code. At that time you can safely explain the situation. Unit Security Managers are responsible for ensuring all personnel in their sections are aware of and know how to use the Duress Codes. If you have any questions about Duress Codes, contact Tech. Sgt. Don Glover, 174 SFS, 454-6199.

RAMS are designed to help combat acts of terrorism. RAMS are pre-planned and implemented based on the current FPCON (Force Protection Condition). FPCON Measures can be located in the FW ISP 31-101. RAMS are conducted randomly throughout a 24-hour period. A good example of a RAM would be, “RAM #3 - During each shift the patrol in the primary restricted area will conduct a sweep of the restricted area on foot checking all personnel for their restricted area badges.”



The patrol is given a time to conduct this sweep and once the sweep is complete it’s logged into the Security Forces Blotter. Security Forces aren’t the only ones required to conduct RAMS. This is a requirement for all sections on base. The RAMS must be logged and the logs kept ensuring they are being completed. The MOC could designate someone from maintenance to conduct the same type of RAM discussed above. The munitions storage area could have a RAM that requires a walk of the perimeter fence line of the munitions area once per shift to inspect it for damage or tampering. Unit Security Managers are responsible for creating, conducting or assigning someone to conduct RAMS in their section. If you have any questions about RAMS, contact Tech. Sgt. McAfee, 174 SFS, 454-6199.

3000 HOURS!

138th Fighter Squadron F-16 Instructor Pilot, Maj. Dave Lujan, recently achieved a noteworthy milestone in the F-16. Maj. Lujan is the 52nd pilot in the world to surpass the 3,000-hour flying mark in the Lockheed-Martin F-16 Fighting Falcon. He started flying the aircraft in 1986 and has flown all models to include the A-model block 10/15 as well as the C-model blocks 25/30/32/40/42/50 and 52. Dave came to the 174th Fighter Wing after a 12-year active duty career and is a traditional guardsman flying as a airline pilot with American Airlines. Please congratulate Maj. Dave "Loogie" Lujan next time you see him!



Maj. Dave Lujan recently became the 52nd pilot in the world to fly 3,000 hours in the F-16.

Information Assurance Awareness Campaign 2002

By Master Sgt Janet C Bazile-Bajkowski, 101st Support Group, Maine ANG

Have you ever wondered whether our e-mail system is really secure? Or whether an e-mail you received actually came from the person identified on the "From" line? Or whether someone could have intercepted and altered e-mail, and sent the revised version to you?

The Air Force has found a "smarter" way to strengthen e-mail security by implementing a new Department of Defense technology called public key infrastructure, or PKI, to enhance Information Assurance cryptographic functions. Leading the implementation is the Air Force's Public Key Infrastructure System Program Office, in the Network Services Division, Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, Mass.

A key element of PKI is the common access card, or CAC, which is replacing older identification cards throughout the Air Force. In addition to your name and photo, the credit card-sized CAC has an integrated circuit chip, magnetic strip, bar code and other information. Your

computer will be equipped with a special CAC card reader that will be used to, among other things, logon, encrypt or encode e-mail, and electronically "sign" documents. When you insert your CAC into your reader, you'll enter your personal identification number to gain access, and then click the appropriate icon for various functions, such as digital signature or encryption. After e-mail is encrypted, it may only be deciphered and read by the intended recipient, effectively ensuring secure communication. Another security feature is the data integrity system, which issues a warning when an e-mail message has been altered - whether intentionally or unintentionally.

The CAC's integrated circuit chip contains three embedded PKI certificates that allow the user to perform various functions.

- * The identity certificate allows you to digitally sign DOD documents and authenticate secure Web access.
- * The e-mail signature certificate permits you to electronically sign e-mail

messages.

* The e-mail encryption certificate allows you to encrypt and decrypt messages.

As PKI is installed throughout the Air Force, each base will issue CACs, install card readers and train users. While this new technology is secure, medium-grade service secure e-mail isn't a substitute for the Defense Message System. This also means that this system is NOT to be used for classified email.

Although the PKI program and CACs will take some time and effort to fully implement, the Air Force and individual users will be well rewarded - with a system that affords greater protection for sensitive Air Force information transmitted in e-mail messages.

As always, if you have any questions about the CAC's and their use, feel free to contact the help desk at x536. Thank you and have a great day.

Conversion Update

By 1st Lt. Nicholas Lotito, 174th FW, Maintenance Conversion Officer

I hope you have had a good month since our last drill. Conversion is progressing well. It is a full team effort. The team effort continued with our people going to Duluth in Sept to find out what they expect for their conversion to be successful. At Duluth we were able to hammer out the full aircraft iron flow for the over 62 A/C involved in this move between Sioux City, Syracuse, Duluth and Tucson. It's no easy feat, but with everybody involved and a lot of open communication, everybody has a better comfort level on the timeline. With that complete, we now have a signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Lt Col Dorsey and Lt Col Foreman (Sioux City LG). The MOA is a written handshake between us and Sioux City. It covers who, what, when, where, and how people, equip-

ment, and aircraft will be trained and transferred. The Guard Bureau does its part by providing us with conversion specific support such as funds, training, man-days, supply support, and equipment.

Our people have been out to Sioux City learning about the different engine characteristics, getting qualified on engine runs and upgrades. Avionics will also be assisting in the Time Change Technical Order (TCTO) on the Situational Awareness Data Link (SADL) fill cable modification. We will also be sending two people out to get trained on the differences of the Block 30 Environmental Control System (ECS).

Thanks to the engine troops, corrosion control, avionics, and electro-environmental who have stepped up to

travel to Sioux City and be a key part of a smooth conversion. The next step is to get the rest of the team trained who stayed back and worked on our -25s. To that end, after our corrosion team puts on our tail flash on in the first

week of October at the Sioux City paint Facility, we will have two Sioux City A/C on or around 16 Sept 2002. These will be our maintenance trainers. We will use them for upgrade training and certification. Well that is enough for now. Have a great drill and see you at the dining out!



*1st Lt. Nicholas Lotito,
Maintenance Conversion
Officer*

BASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANCOCK AAFES OCTOBER SALE

The Hancock Field Base Exchange will have a promotional sale for the following items during the October UTA weekend.

10% OFF on Timex Watches

20% OFF on 32" televisions

20% OFF on DVDs and Videos

20% OFF on all toys

Other specials to be announced and we will also have drawings for free giveaways!



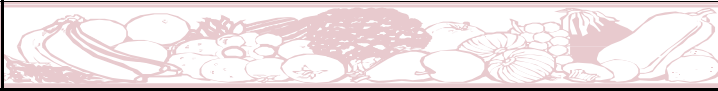
OCTOBER MENU

174th Fighter Wing
Dining Facility Hours

1030—1300

Please see OPORD for menu.

Meal Counters: Report at 1000
Saturday LSF Sunday CES



174TH FIGHTER WING "AMMO BACKSHOPPERS" 2002 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

The 174th FW AMMO Backshoppers are the Hancock Field volleyball champions for 2002. They competed with several fine teams, finally prevailing over the AGS Avionics Squadron team led by TSgt Ginger Preske in the championship match. Last year's champions "The Zeros" were ousted early in the tournament and sent packing to PSAB.

All teams involved displayed great sportsmanship and were exciting to watch. Special thanks goes out to the Hancock Field Fire Department for standing by in case of injuries. The only casualties reported were the Zeros' egos. Plans are all ready underway for next year's tournament.

Championship Team Members:

Tech. Sgt (ret). Paul Schneller

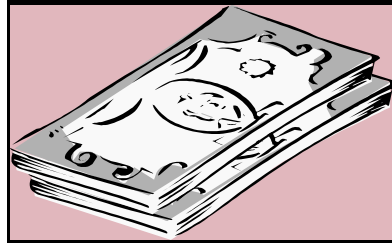
Tech. Sgt. Jim Kingsley

Tech. Sgt. Todd Marra

Sgt. Pat Staff Piersall

Senior Airmen David "Dream" Weaver

Senior Airmen Tim Anderson



**Pay Date for the
October UTA is
15 Oct 02**

**The next UTA is
2-3 Nov 02**

Services Flight Members Recognized for Heroism



Tech. Sgt. John H. Knobel, Services Flight Trainer, receives the Air Force Commendation Medal for heroism from Col. Robert Knauff.

Two members of the 174th Services Flight were recently recognized for heroism while deployed to Diego Garcia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Tech. Sgt. John H. Knobel and Tech. Sgt. David McDonald, distinguished themselves by voluntarily risking their lives to rescue a fellow unit member who nearly drowned in the Indian Ocean. Sgt. Knobel entered dangerously choppy water while Sgt. McDonald skillfully maneuvered his boat to recover the victim. The men initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation until the victim began breathing on his own. According to attending physicians, if not for the actions of Sgts Knobel and McDonald, the man would have perished. Both men received the Air Force Commendation Medal for their actions.



Tech. Sgt. David McDonald, Food Services, is presented with the Air Force Commendation Medal for heroism by Col. Robert Knauff.

138th Receives Spirit of Oriskany Award

By Nancy Demyttenaere, Regional Historic Sites Supervisor for NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation-Central Region

[The following is a letter sent to Lt. Col. Owens acknowledging receipt of the Spirit of Oriskany Award by the 138th Fighter Squadron. The award was presented during a luncheon ceremony on August 4th at the Oriskany Battlefield.]

This year marks the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Oriskany fought August 6th, 1777. During this engagement, often noted as being the bloodiest encounter of the American Revolution, Gen. Nicholas Herkimer and the Tryon County militia were ambushed as they advanced through the Mohawk Valley on the way to relieve their fellow patriots under siege from British allied forces surrounding Fort Stanwix.

Out numbered and desperately surprised in this attack, Herkimer's militiamen fought back with a level of determination and bravery that today remains legendary within the historic Mohawk Valley. Furthermore, Herkimer's stand at Oris-

kany and the eventual lifting of the siege of Fort Stanwix by a dispirited British alliance enabled the colonial victory at Saratoga a few months later. And the rest, as they say, is history.



225th ANNIVERSARY

As we discussed this past weekend, in recognition of services provided this country in the last year, specifically with regards to your flight team's efforts in defending both country and countrymen during and after the terrorist attacks of September 11th, it is Oriskany Battlefield's distinct pleasure to recognize this dedication with the first ever "Spirit of Oriskany Award".

Please advise me of additional members of your flight operations crew whom you also wish to recognize.

On behalf of the enduring legacy of freedom we share, we congratulate and thank you.



Pictured above are the four pilots scrambled on September 11, 2001. The 138th Fighter Squadron received the "Spirit of Oriskany Award" by the Oriskany Battlefield State Historic Site on the 225th anniversary of the battle. The honor was in recognition of the unit's efforts in defending our nation at home this past year. From L to R: Maj. Greg Semmel, Lt. Col. Scott Poppleton, Maj. Wendel Smith and Lt. Col. Tom Owens.

During our 17 October 2002 membership meeting we will be holding our annual election of officers and board members. All 5 officer positions and 3 board member positions will be up for grabs. Mel Denny is our Election Committee Chairman. If you think you would like to run for one of these positions, or you have a question regarding the election, contact Mel at (315) 687-6005.

Our next annual get-together is the Thanksgiving Party, which will be held on the 20th of November 2002 at the American Legion Post in Cicero. This will be the third year in a row that we have held this event in Cicero and on both of the previous occasions, it turned out to be a complete success. This year's event will be pretty much the same as in the past. A turkey dinner with most all of the usual trimmings will be served along with the usual beverage, followed by the ever popular turkey raffle and 50/50 drawing. However, the highlight of the evening isn't the dinner or drawings, but the opportunity to mix with many of your old friends and acquaintances that you haven't seen for sometime. The festivities will begin around 6:00 PM and last for 3 to 4 hours. We have yet to determine what the cost per person will be, but will let you know in the November issue of the EnGarde.

The Base Chapter 50 Association, Chief's Council and the First Sergeant's Council are hosting this year's 3rd Annual 174th Fighter Wing Dining-out, on Saturday October 5th at the LeMoyné Manor on Old Liverpool Road, Liverpool, NY. As in the past, Alumni members are invited to attend. There will be a cocktail hour starting at 18:00 hours, followed by dinner at 19:00 hours. Cost is \$25.00 per person. The evening's attire for Alumni members is formal eveningwear or business dress. Speaker for the evening will be CMSgt Arthur H. Hafner, Commandant, ANG NCO Academy. If you are interested in attending or want to know more about this event, call SMSgt Joe Gianetto at (315) 454-6458, or e-mail him at joseph.gianetto@nysyra.ang.af.mil.

It was with regret that this year's Joe Sikora Golf Tournament had to be cancelled due to unit tasking during the September 11th through 13th time frame. Tom Brown, Tournament Chairman, informed participants that because of the added tasking and subsequent workload, he and the other members of his committee would not be able to support the demands of putting this year's tournament on. He also added that planning for next year's tournament is moving forward, with the appointment of Mark Shearer and Dave Galloway as points of contact for any suggestions relating to next year's event, or if there are any volunteers who would like to help out.

TAPS

Joseph Fiermonte, died 19 August 02, at the age of 87. Joe first joined the military when he was 18 years old by enlisting in the 108th Infantry, NYARNG at the Jefferson Street Armory

in Syracuse. He was activated in 1940 and served throughout the 2nd WW in the Pacific. He joined us in 1949, served in various positions to include Ground Communications and Aerospace Ground Equipment. He served with the unit in Phalsbourg, France and at Cannon AFB, NM. He retired in June 1979 at the age of 64, making him the oldest Air Technician ever to be assigned to the 174th.

Sick Call

Latest word is that Don Cook, Bob Martin, Bob Post, Charlie Dirksen, and Vern Nutter are still on the sick list, so give them a call or send them a card, they'd be happy to know your thinking about them.

More News & Trivia

* Retirement Parties to keep in mind:

Paul Richter, Saturday, 26 October 02, (will be an Oktoberfest at the Spinning Wheel on Thompson Rd. at 1800) POC: Donna Mula, 454-6142.

Tom Webster, Saturday, 2 November 02, will be held at the Spinning Wheel on Thompson Road, starting at 17:00 hours. POC: Brenda Shepard, 454-6628.

* We wish to express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks to the members of the 174th Honor Guard for their dedication and performance during the burial service for former Alumni member Joe Fiermonte. Their participation was one of Joe's last wishes, and had he been able to see it, he would have been extremely proud, for the Honor Guard performed in an exemplary fashion displaying great pride and professionalism throughout the



Three die-hard golfers that won't give up toured the fairways recently during the 10th Annual Desert Storm Golf Tournament at Brooklawn Golf Course. From left to right, Ted Scheirer, George Londhair, and John Terry.

entire service.

* On 28 October 2002, the 174th Fighter Wing, originally designated as the 138th Fighter Squadron, will celebrate its 55th anniversary. The first drill was held in the Jefferson Street Armory, with 16 officers and 35 enlisted in attendance. Sixteen of the original members are currently members of our Association.

* John F. Etherington has joined the ranks of the elite who have reached their 80th birthday, and are now a Life Member of this Association. Unknowingly, John reached his 80th birthday 4 years ago, but because we did not have his birth date on file we never sent him a new card. We suspect there are others in the same boat, and if you are one of them, let us know by sending a note to: 174th Alumni Association, 6001 E. Molloy Rd., Syracuse, NY 13211-7099.

* We want to congratulate the following couples on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They are: Don and June Cook, Bob and Anne Martin, Rocky and Dorothy Pirro.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 17, 2002, at 7:00 PM in the Base All Service Club. Liquid refreshments will be served. Come on out, we'd love to see you.

Family Appreciation Weekend

5 & 6 October 2002



GAMES

Our weekend will start out with a Commissary Sale hosted by Fort Drum. Be sure to stop by the tents in Memorial Park, Hancock Field on Saturday from 1000 to 1700 hours to purchase many items at great Commissary prices!



FOOD

Saturday evening brings us the 174th Fighter Wing Third Annual Dining Out at Le-Moyne Manor in Liverpool. Cocktail hour begins at 1800 hours and dinner will be served from 1900 to 2100 hours. Guest speaker will be CMSgt Arthur H. Hafner, Commandant, ANG NCO Academy. All junior enlisted are encouraged to request a sponsor for this great event.

On Sunday, lunch will be served in the tents at Memorial Park from noon to 1430 hours. Anniversary cake will also be served. Ice cream treats will be available courtesy of O'Brien & Gere Companies.

Many activities are planned throughout Sunday afternoon. We are celebrating the Year of Diversity, with a Cultural Awareness Team sponsored "Explore the World" Trivia Contest. Please be sure to participate in the contest as there will be many great prizes awarded. The Services Flight's Physical Fitness section will be supervising physical activities and contests for all members and their families.

There will be displays by some of the squadrons, including the Family Support Office who has planned a surprise visitor for the children. The 274th ASOS will be offering Humvee rides. From 1300 to 1600 hours, the 10th Mtn Division Band will be performing. The All Services Club will be selling beer at 1400 hours. A fund-raiser and Bake Sale will be held by the Children's Christmas Party Committee so we would appreciate your contribution of a baked good.



PICTURES
Souvenir for
the children

We look forward to seeing you at the Hancock Field Family Appreciation Weekend Celebration!



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